



BIOGRAPHY

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COL. BARRY W. MANLEY

Col. Barry W. Manley assumed the position of commander of the 635th Regional Support Group on June 8, 2014.

Manley enlisted into Company B, 891st Engineer Battalion in 1983 as a combat engineer. After reaching the rank of sergeant, he attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in June 1987. Manley earned an Associate of Science degree from Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas; a Bachelor of Science degree in Plastics Engineering from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg; and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Army Command and General Staff Officers Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



After commissioning, Manley's first assignment was as the support platoon leader, Company B (-), 891st Engineering Battalion (Combat), Coffeyville, in June 1987. He served in three different Platoons' with Company B and was then assigned as the company executive officer in March 1990. In June 1990, he was selected to be the company commander, Company B (-) through September 1992 when he moved to be the company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), 891st Engineering Battalion in Iola. After finishing company command, he held several battalion staff level positions including assistant training officer, intelligence officer, and full-time training officer. In December 1998, he moved to Headquarters, Kansas State Area Command, Topeka, as the officer strength management officer for Recruiting and Retention Command. In April 2002, he became the executive officer for Headquarters, 891st Engineering Combat Battalion where he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom III from September 2004 through December 2005. Manley commanded the 891st Engineering Battalion from May 2006 until January 2010, and was then assigned as the executive officer of 69th Troop Command, where he served until March 2014.

Manley's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Silver device (sixth award), Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Star Device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Parachutist Badge, Master Recruiting Badge, Kansas National Guard Distinguished Service Medal, and numerous other awards and decorations.

Manley resides in Topeka, with his daughter Audrey and son Blake.